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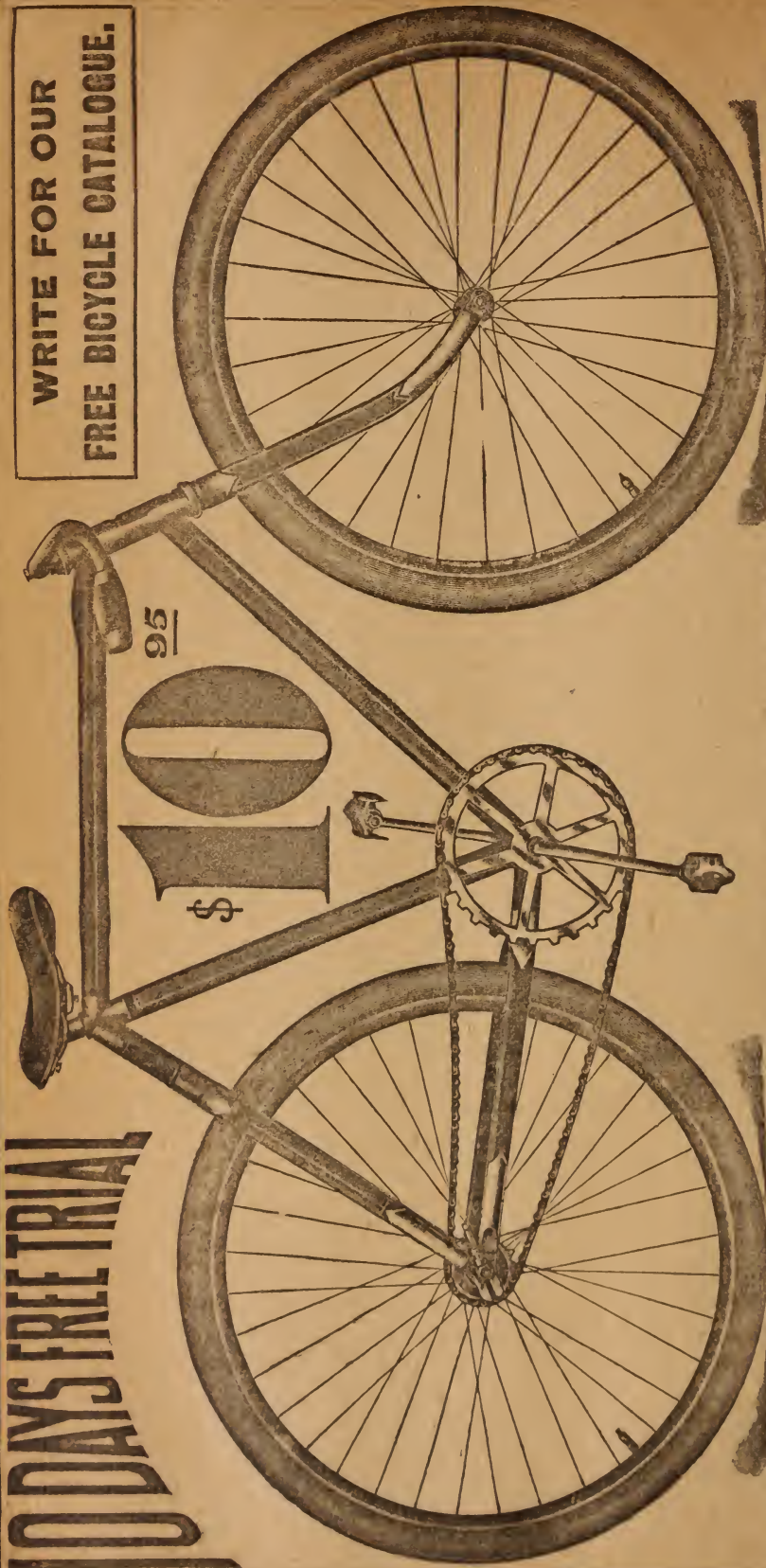
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CORRESPONDENCE.

Dear Mr. Park:—I have "hustled" round among my neighbors and gathered up their orders, which together with my own make quite a respectable showing. I was determined to get that Magazine as I should really miss it more than any other publication I have, for I am a partial invalid, and depend on my flowers and flower friends a great deal more than if I were well enough to get out into the world more.

You will doubtless wonder what an invalid can do with so many seeds (for over half the list is for myself), but I want to form new flower acquaintances, and if I only get two or three plants from those which are new to me, I shall feel well repaid, and those few will not be much care. I have never before realized how your patience must be tried by some of the orders which you doubtless receive.

I found my list too long to be written on a regular order sheet, and in making out my improvised order sheets I found myself wondering about the arrangement of your seed boxes. Would it not be of general interest if you should give us a chapter in the Magazine relating to the filling of an order?

I think some of the orders you get must be provocative of much laughter, judging from some I have seen sent away by persons who are really intelligent in most respects. What must those be then, whose writers have no conception of the work involved in filling an order, and who always mistake the descriptive word for the name of the flower itself. I have often heard ladies tell what beautiful "Japonicas" they have seen, and one lady who had doubtless been "reading up" before making her call, took particular pains to remark on the beauty of my "Spectabilis", meaning my Dicentra.

If your boxes are alphabetically arranged, it must be "an awful job", to make out some lists. Even my own, careful as I have been in other respects, is not in alphabetical order, and I have tried in vain to imagine the person to whom it will be intrusted, going all over a big room, perhaps a dozen times, to fill it properly. Or do you have a girl in every corner or department, and let one stand in the middle and read the list and have these corner girls bring what is needed?

I would really enjoy reading the whole process, from the time the order is handed in by the post man, until it is filled and delivered to him, and I hope to see an article in the Magazine relating to it. Yours Truly Adella F. Veazie.

Knox Co., Me., March 23, 1903.

[NOTE.—Sometime the desired information will be fully given in the Magazine or Catalogue. It is often difficult to understand just what is wanted from an order as written, but perhaps the greatest and most frequent difficulty is met from neglect of the patron to give the full or proper address.—Ed.]

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CORRESPONDENCE.

Mr. Park:—We take your Floral Magazine and enjoy it very much. It is so practical and helpful. It tells just what one wants to know; how to grow and cultivate flowers successfully. In one of your publications, of 1895, there is a table of the length of time required for different kinds of seeds to germinate, and I have always preserved it for reference, as such a table is one of the greatest helps in raising plants from seeds. I never saw one anywhere else, and wonder that other seedsmen do not publish them. I would like very much to see a new one published in the Magazine, with new names added to the list, and think it would be greatly appreciated by your large circle of readers.

Bertha M. Mills.

Yates Co., N. Y., April 1, 1903.

Dear Mr. Park:—I was surprised, yet perfectly delighted, when I received the flower seeds sent as a premium with my Floral Magazine. I did not feel that I ought to have a premium, but I appreciate your kindness and thank you. I began taking your Magazine in 1874, and have most of the numbers carefully preserved. The longer I read the Magazine the more I enjoy it. I have spoken of it to friends, and have loaned extra copies, and thus secured a number of subscribers. I note with pleasure the improvement in the Magazine, and the prosperity you have met with in your chosen profession. May the Dear Father still continue to crown your efforts with success is the sincere wish of your friend and patron.

Osborne Co., Kans.

Mrs. S. E. Noble.

Dear Mr. Park:—We have a yellow Calendula in bloom, and it isn't a bit plain or coarse, but is a bright, cheerful sight after such a long, dreary winter.

Mrs. E. R. Carpenter.

Pacific Co., Wash., March 26, 1903.

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THE HYBRID CINERARIAS.

THE handsome wood engraving on this page represents a group of flowers of the improved hybrid varieties of *Cineraria cruenta*, a beautiful composite herbaceous plant introduced from the Canary Islands in 1777. The plants of these fine, large-flowered hybrids are readily grown from seeds, have rich, purplish foliage, and produce

sharp sand, equal parts. Sift this, put drainage in the pot, then some coarse compost, then the sifted material, and press till firm and level at the surface. On this sow the little seeds, barely covering them with more sifted soil. Then moisten by setting the pot in a pan of water till the moisture shows at the surface. Cover the pot with a wet cloth, and set in a dark, rather warm place. In a few days the plants will begin to break the



LARGE-FLOWERED CINERARIAS.

elegant cymous clusters of large, showy flowers ranging through shades of white, red and royal purple, self-colored, ringed and variegated. The flower heads remain open for a long time, and are exceedingly rich and showy. When the seeds are sown in April or May the plants will bloom in autumn and early winter. When sown in the summer they will bloom in the spring.

A good strain of seeds should be obtained. Prepare a compost of leaf-mould, loam and

soil, when the pots should be gradually brought to the light. Keep the soil constantly moist but not wet. Give morning and evening sun, but avoid the hot, midday sun. When large enough pick out the plants and reset in a tray or shallow box, or pot singly in small pots. As the plants grow shift them into larger pots. If you wish large blooming plants use larger pots when you shift, till the size ranges from seven-inch to nine-inch. If small blooming plants are wanted use pots

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Editorial.

THE HYBRID CINERARIAS.

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only a size larger when shifting, so that the last shift will be into five-inch pots.

During warm summer weather keep the pots in a partially shaded place where the atmosphere will be cool and moist. Never let the plants suffer for want of water. Never let them become root-bound while you want them to grow. Never let the hot sunshine upon them. They like light and enjoy the



PLANT OF CINERARIA.

evening and morning sun, but are stunted and ruined by the hot midday sun of summer. Fumigate every week with tobacco, placing paper over the plants to retain the smoke about the leaves, as the green fly troubles the plants when this is neglected. Syringe frequently to keep the atmosphere moist and prevent the attacks of red spider. Should mildew appear dust the foliage with flowers of sulphur.

REX BEGONIAS.

PERHAPS there is not another class of Begonias more popular or admired than the Rex. The leaves are so large, graceful, velvety and delicate, and the plants so easily cared for that these Begonias are general favorites. The many hybrid varieties recently introduced are of surpassing beauty, and when well cared for the plants are a source of great pleasure.

A FLORAL Sister signing her initials, M. E. M., has met with more than ordinary success in cultivating these handsome Begonias, and here is what she writes:

"Mr. Editor:—I want to tell the flower folks how I succeed with Rex Begonias. I always loved Rex Begonias, but failed time and again with them. But now I have overcome all obstacles, and have nothing but success. The whole secret of growing them is to adopt window-box culture. I make a box as long as my window is wide, five inches deep, and one foot wide, covering the entire outside with pretty bark, leaving it extend about one inch above and



REX BEGONIA.

three inches below the edge of the box, leaving it uneven, which gives it a rustic appearance. Now I fill with soil composed of equal portions of woods earth, sand, rich soil, and very old cow droppings. This I have ready by the first of June, and then place

therein my plants, keeping the box in strong light at the north end of the house. By fall my plants fill the box. When the nights get chilly I bring it in and place it in a north or east window. When the box needs water I carry it out, shower the plants, and let it drain, being careful no sunlight falls on the leaves while wet. I have a Rex named Queen of Hanover that measures fifty inches in circumference; Robert George is a quick grower, and a very beautiful variety; Seiboldi has very large leaves of great beauty. I propagate young plants from leaves inserted between my plants in my window-box. In a box near me is a Boston Fern and Coco Palm which lends grace and beauty to my Rex Begonias."

In repotting Rex Begonias special care must be taken to avoid planting too deep. The crown of the plant must not be covered with soil, otherwise it will be liable to decay. More plants are lost by lack of this precaution than by any other neglect. Of course good drainage, a shelter from the hot mid-day sun of summer, a moist atmosphere and liberal supplies of water during the growing season are essentials in the culture of these Begonias. Boxes or tin vessels retain a more even moisture than earthen pots, and as our correspondent suggests, promote success. Their use is often the difference between success and failure.

White Flies.—When white flies appear about pot plants it is an evidence that the drainage is insufficient, and that the soil is water-logged and sour. Improve the drainage if possible, replace the surface soil with fresh soil, apply a dressing of chopped tobacco stems, and give a liberal watering of hot water, wherever the earth appears dry.

HYBRID GLOXINIAS.

(See illustration on 1st Title Page.)

THESE species of Gloxinia were introduced from South America during the 19th century. At first the plants of the most prominent species produced drooping flowers, but by hybridization and selection the race of varieties we enjoy today was developed and perfected, the flowers of which are of great size, are horizontal and erect in habit, and appear in many rich shades of red, white and blue, some tигred and penciled.

The plants are readily grown from seeds, and cuttings of stems and leaves. Seedlings started in February, and grown on uninterruptedly will make fine plants the first season and bloom during the autumn. The seeds are very fine, and must be sown over sifted, well-firmed soil. When large enough pick the little plants out and reset an inch apart in a shallow box. Shade, keep moist but not wet, and keep in a moist, warm atmosphere. Give plenty of air, to prevent damping off. Syringe weekly with tepid water, but avoid applications of cold water. While blooming apply a liquid fertilizer, being careful not to let it touch the foliage, and keep the plants in a cool place. A soil composed of leaf-mould and sand suits them. See that drainage is good. When well cared for the plants have no insect enemies, and will bloom beautifully throughout the summer and autumn.

**HYBRID GLOXINIA.**

On the approach of winter the foliage begins to fade, and water should then be withheld till the soil is well dried, then set the pots in a closet where the temperature is regularly about 50° and let them remain till you wish to start them for the next season. In resetting the tubers allow the crown to just show above the soil, and barely moisten at first, or until roots form and growth begins. These few hints will enable anyone who knows something about floriculture to make a success in the culture of Gloxinias, either from seeds or tubers. Seedlings started in May or June may not bloom the first season, but will form plump little tubers which will bloom early the next year.

Jasmines.—There are a number of species of Jasmine, some, as *J. nudiflorum* and *J. officinalis*, hardy as far north as New York, and others, as *J. revolutum* and *J. grandiflorum*, hardy only in the South, must be grown as pot plants at the North. All of these sorts are vines, when encouraged to make long branches. When cut back, however, they may be made to assume a bush or tree form, sometimes of weeping character, but graceful and beautiful both in foliage and flower.

ABOUT THE DAHLIA.

THE DAHLIA is a native of Mexico, and is a common wildling on the mountains and in the ravines of that country. The plants grow there very tall and thrifty and bear showy single scarlet flowers on long stems. From Mexico the Dahlia was introduced into Spain during the 17th or 18th century, doubtless by the Roman Catholic Priests, who paid more or less attention to the flora of the country. From Spain the plants found their way into France, and thence into England, from which country, in the improved forms, they were brought over to this country.

Much attention has recently been given to the Dahlia in this country, and many very beautiful varieties, showing both double and single flowers, have been brought to notice. The roots are tuberous, and the eyes are mostly clustered around the base of the stem, near to the tubers. In lifting and preserving the clumps over winter care must be taken not to break or bruise the neck of the tuber, or to allow injury to the stem. To have sound stems avoid severe frosts in autumn by early lifting. Do not cut apart the tubers until the sprouts show in the spring, then separate so as to leave a sprout to each tuber. Propagation is also easily effected by cuttings taken as soon as the shoots are long enough above the ground to cut. The base is then solid, and when a sprout is cut, new sprouts very soon appear, which in turn can be taken, and thus a large stock can be quickly worked up.

Dahlias do best in partial shade. The soil for them should be rich, porous and well drained. Only free-blooming varieties should be grown. Cultivate well during the early part of the season, and mulch the soil with stable litter as the hot days of summer and autumn appear. Never let them suffer for want of water. They do not resist drouth well. They make a fine group or hedge, and a large bed of free-blooming varieties in their rich shades and variegations is gorgeous. They well deserve all the attention they receive.

The Dahlia is a member of the Natural Order Composite, and was so named by Linnaeus, the celebrated Swedish botanist, in honor of A. Dahl, one of his pupils. It is syllabled Dah'-li-a, and pronounced by giving the a in the first syllable the sound of a in far, and i the sound of i in it. The name should not be confounded with that of an American leguminous plant, called Da'-le-a, in honor of Dr. Samuel Dale, an English botanist, and which is pronounced by giving the a of the first syllable the sound of a in day.

White Dutch Clover.—For a dry, sandy soil where a close green turf is desired this is desirable, as it has deep roots, and is able to resist drought better than most of the grasses. The seeds can be sown any time in April or May, the earlier the better. The small, white flowers are produced freely during the greater part of the season, and are prized as pasturage for bees.

Garden Culture.

TEA ROSES.

LET us have a lovely bed of Tea Roses. We all can. Just think of receiving a dozen nicely rooted plants of Tea Roses for fifty cents, Roses that will grow and furnish abundance of sweet roses all through this summer. Then, if carefully protected next winter they will furnish roses in greater abundance the next summer. For best results order as early as possible. If too early to bed out, pot in cans and keep in the window until warm enough for out-door growth. By this method they will make quite a growth till June, be full of buds and blossoms before July, and will so continue until severe frosts. A spot protected by a wall or fence on the north and west is an ideal spot for Tea Roses. They revel in morning sun, and in late afternoon, but the midday sun is too fierce for some of the delicate colors. Spade the bed well, enrich with well-decayed manure, add some unleached wood ashes, thoroughly mix these parts, carefully place the plants nine or ten inches apart, water, fill in with soil, then firm with the foot. Apply water when needed, mulch during mid-summer, keep the green louse off by applying good soap-suds freely, and the rose bed will never be without lots of sweet roses. Be sure and have Princess Bonnie, Queen's Scarlet, Francisca Kruger, The Bride, Maman Cochet, white Maman Cochet, Meteor and Etoile de Lyon, whatever else you order. Pansy.

Edgar Co., Ill., March 3, 1903.

[NOTE.—An important point in the culture of ever-blooming Roses is to cut the flowers as soon as they begin to fade, removing a portion of the branch, if there are no signs of other flowers developing upon it. Buds are formed upon the new wood, and by cutting the branches back new growth is encouraged and a greater and more continuous supply of flowers will result.—Ed.]

Centaurea odorata.—I sent last spring for a three-cent package of *Centaurea odorata* seeds, and I think every seed grew. I had two rows sixteen inches apart and twenty-four feet long. Some insects destroyed many of the plants, but enough were left to keep the rows unbroken. There were three varieties, pure white, sulphur yellow (a little darker in the center), and a delicate purple.

Everybody who saw them admired them. I gave some of the flowers to my mother as she was on her way to a picnic. She said she did not know that white flowers could be so conspicuous. She never carried flowers that received so much attention. I have seen no illustration that does them justice.

Spokane Co., Wash.

Theas.

Hardy in Maine.—Nearly all of my hardy plants winter-killed. The Japanese Knot Weed, *Rudbeckia* and *Catalpa*, however, were not injured.

Penobscot Co., Me.

Mrs. F. M. Young.

PERENNIALS AT THE PAN-AMERICAN.

WHEN I went to Buffalo I did not expect to see anything more than beds of *Geraniums*, *Cannas* and foliage plants, but I was most agreeably disappointed when I found such a fine variety of hardy plants in bloom. The display of native plants was still more of a surprise, and I felt that there were other cranks beside myself who loved native plants. A large bed of *Scarlet Bee Balm* was in full bloom, and was especially admired by those who did not know it was a native. *Wild Sunflower* of all kinds, as well as *Rudbeckias*, were at their best. Then there were such plants as *Phytostegia Virginiana*, *Lobelia cardinalis*, *Kansas Gay Feather*, *Asters*, *Eupatorium coelestinum* and many others all finely developed and properly labeled. Several large beds of *Perennial Phlox* were most attractive and presented several new shades of color, one variety showing a tint that was called blue, but was in reality a bluish magenta. *Anemone Japonica* of a pale rose color was much admired, and was named *Queen Charlotte*. It seemed to be a dwarf variety or it might not have been well developed. Large clumps of ornamental grasses were very effective and a bed of *Cacti* was finely arranged. The display of native *Asters* was worth seeing, and I resolved then and there to make a collection of them, as they bloom late, when most perennials are dead and gone. Some of the beds were surrounded by lawn, and the legend "Keep off the grass" was most trying to one's nerves.

Erie Co., Pa.

E. H. Norris.

Vernon Begonias.—I wonder if all the sisters know that these can be grown from seeds easier than *Tomato* plants, if the proper care is taken in sowing the seeds. I grew about two hundred plants from one paper of mixed seeds. I set them about beds of other plants for borders. They were quick growers, and the glossy, dark green leaves, every branch surmounted with a delicate cluster of flowers, made a beautiful display indeed. There were pure white, almost every shade of pink and red, and one short border of golden gleam, with its pretty yellow foliage and pink and white flowers. Mrs. M. C. Marshall.

Indiana Co., Pa.

Marigold Legion of Honor.—This variety is of a dwarf, compact habit, growing about eighteen inches high, and produces its flowers in the greatest profusion far into the autumnal months. It is very effective in the mixed border, where it should be grown in groups of from five to seven plants. In order to give the plants an opportunity to properly develop themselves they should be placed about one foot apart. The flowers are single, of a golden yellow color, blotched with velvety red.

Dandelion.

Floral Park, N. Y.

DOUBLE TEN WEEKS' STOCK.

WE cannot say too much in favor of this annual. It grows readily from seeds, blooms all summer in the garden, and also makes a beautiful pot plant for winter. The flowers are as handsome as double Hyacinths, and produced more abundantly and for a much longer period. If the seeds are sown in the fall the plants will bloom in the late winter and spring months, and can then be planted out in the garden, where they will bloom all summer. The double flowers bear no seeds with me, so both double and single must grow together if seeds are desired. But I prefer to purchase new seeds every year from those who know better how to cultivate them. There is one drawback in their culture, and that is they do not bear transplanting well. More than once I have carefully taken up a thrifty plant that I wanted in a different place, set it out just the best I knew how, only to see it wilt, and if it revived at all, remained a stunted plant all summer. I have found a way out of this difficulty, and that is to plant the seeds in a box, and as soon as the plants are big enough to handle, transplant each plant into a paper pot and set the pots into a box where they are allowed to grow until the pots are well filled with roots. The plants can then be moved without disturbing. I have thought many times that I would set out Stocks enough so that I could pull up the single ones, but every time, when they bloom, my courage fails me, and I let the double and single ones grow together, for the single blossoms have a beauty all their own, and are in color identical with the double ones. The first Stocks that I ever saw in bloom were in pots in the winter, and were called Gilly flowers, and I thought them beautiful. It was not until ten years later that I identified them as the Ten Weeks' Stock.

Mrs. S. J. Fish.

Cheshire Co., N. H., March 31, 1903.

Ten Weeks' Stock.—This fine annual grows in good shape, has long spikes of flowers in many colors, and the flowers are sweet-scented. In fact, it is about as nearly perfect as a flower can be. Plant seeds early, and then transplant. Buy the best quality of seeds, plant in rich, mellow soil, and be careful and never let them suffer for water. It is a grand summer bedder, as well as a fine pot-plant, blooming the winter through.

Worcester Co., Mass.

Ethelyn.

[NOTE.—To avoid the ravages of the little black beetle on the seedlings, dust with wood-soot while the dew is on. Transplant or thin the plants in the seed-box to avoid crowding or damping off. Good culture will reward you with good flowers.—ED.]

Asters.—Asters are beautiful, desirable fall flowers, many of them now being as fine as Chrysanthemums. The plants ought not to be crowded to get the best results. The Comet varieties are especially beautiful, and come in a great variety of colors.

Worcester Co., Mass.

Ethelyn.

THUNBERGIA.

ONE of the sweetest little trailers to my mind is Thunbergia. I call it a trailing plant because I grow it so. It may be trained to a trellis, or the side of a house, if desired, but I want it in my window box to



THUNBERGIA ALATA.

There are several species, but the annual *Thunbergia alata* is the one I mean. It is one of the "must haves" for me.

Minnie R. Waggoner.

Scott Co., Iowa, March 25, 1903.

Nasturtiums.—No other annuals will produce such a profusion of flowers for so long a time throughout the summer and early fall months as the Dwarf Nasturtiums. The greatest amount of bloom is produced in thin soils and never flags throughout the hottest and driest weather. In too rich soil leaves predominate, and the plants are apt to rot off in wet weather, especially if they are standing too close together. As the plants are of a tropical nature they should not be planted until the weather becomes warm and settled, which in this latitude is about the tenth of May.

Dandelion.

Floral Park, N. Y.

Centaurea Imperialis.—It is getting time to plan our flower gardens, and I wish every person who reads this would try raising *Centaurea Imperialis*. I raised the mixed ones last year, but the white ones are the prettiest of all, and especially good for buttonhole bouquets, as they will keep fresh for two days after being picked. Nearly every person who saw them said they were the prettiest flowers they had ever seen.

Mrs. F. M. Young.

Penobscot Co., Me., Feb. 25, 1903.

Stella Sunflower.—This flower should be as popular among annuals as Golden Glow is among perennials. The plants grow from seeds in bushy form four feet high. The flowers are golden yellow with a small black center, and are produced from June till the plants are cut down by frost. Immense quantities of blossoms can be cut from a few plants.

L. C. Cadwell.

Litchfield Co., Ct., Nov. 22, 1902.

Madeira Vine.—The Madeira Vine will bloom beautifully if started early, in light, rich soil and kept in full sunshine. Train to the pillars of the piazza.

Jackson Co., Mich.

Mary M. Carroll.

Floral Poetry.

COMPENSATION.

Over a world of whiteness the golden morn
broke,
And the gentle voice of Nature a sleepy earth av
Over the white-robed Willows it cast its rosy br
Till every twig seemed glorified when touch
the ruddy gleam.

From the smooth and downy carpet, unnumbered by
human foot,
Peeped many a flower skeleton and many a tiny
root,
In the wall of snowy pillars where once the rocks
had been,
Came little trills and happy songs from many
feathered kin.

But in a sheltered corner a grand old tree lay dead,
With the snow beneath its branches and the glow
above its head,
Leaning heads on the breast of its mother, the grand
and patient earth,
It threw up mute appealing hands to the skies that
saw its birth.

When the clear sweet voice of Nature a benediction
spoke,
As it stretched its arms and gently a blessing to
invoke,
It had drawn a snowy winding sheet over its earthly
bed,
And had laid a soft white pillow under its drooping
head.

And the pure white guest had spoken its word to a
rebel breast,
Had breathed a human blessing and made revolt
depart,
Oh, you who mourn man's cruel waste of earth and
soils and tree,
Forget not then that Nature's hand must still un-
fettered be.

Essex Co., Mass. Marion Stuart Wanson.

WILD VIOLETS.

If there's one thing more than another
That turns the present away,
And carries me back to the long ago
When I was a child at play,
It's a pleasant day in April,
When the sun has melted the snow,
And in idle mood I go to the wood
Where the sweet wild Violets grow.

There's a something there in their faces
That means such a lot to me,
And I'd like to make me a big bouquet
Of all that I chance to see;
But I would not pluck one flower
Where the sweet wild Violets grow,
For their voices say in a silent way,
"I'm a part of the long ago."

Wash. Co., VI. Florence Josephine Boyce.

APRIL.

Through the woods a south wind stirred,
Breath of flower and song of bird;
Moving cloud and dash of rain,
Then the sun shone forth again;
And the moss-banks turned to bowers,
Tipped and fringed with early flowers;
And a sparrow tuned his lay,
"Sweet, sweet summer's on her way."

Wash. Co., VI. Florence Josephine Boyce.

MAY.

Quiet and calm,
Beauty and balm,
Nature a joyful, jubilant psalm;
Blossoms on trees,
Odors on breeze,
Warble and hum of the birds and the bees.

Fields all aglow,
Rivers aflow,
Azure above, and emerald below;
Quivering life
Everywhere rife,
Bit of old Eden amid the world's strife

Vanished the drifts,
Winter's chill gifts,
Banking the hills and wedging the rifts;
The brooks got a share,
And the azuline air,
And bloom all around so fragrant and fair.

Such is the law
With never a flaw,
Out of all bane there's a blessing to draw;
Right follows wrong,
Cruel and strong,

And wailing of blasts turns to lullaby song.

Elizabeth, N. J.

T. E. V

LILIES, LILIES.

Easter Lilies first appear
Ere the robins northward wing,
Then the dreary earth to cheer
Lilies of the Valley spring.
Joys of springtime, rich and rare
Are the Lilies, wondrous fair.

Lily bells are all in bloom,
Fairy, fragrant Lily bells,
For the bridal or the tomb
Every bud exultant swells.
Beauty of the summer's gown,
Glory of the autumn's crown.

Lilies, lilies we behold
When the earth is robed in snow,
Fragrant cups with hearts of gold,
Set the home nest all aglow.
Fairest of the flowers and dear
Are the Lilies all the year.

Bradford Co., Pa.

Ruth Raymond.

SPRINGTIME VOICES.

The time of the song bird's music
Has come, and the meadows brown,
Are changing to grace, and the Violets blue,
Are lifting their heads to the sun and dew—
So near to the busy town.

In the deep, still nooks the Hepaticas raise
Their dainty heads as in shy amaze,
And the delicate beauties of springtime sway
On their slender stems, as they seem to say,

"He careth for all, both flower and weed,
Who formed us and made us fair,
We have slept so long in our cold dark beds,
But we knew, though the snow drifted over our
heads,
That sunshine and balmy air,
Would wake us and help us to do our part
To brighten the earth, and to cheer some heart;
We are small, but the Father who formed us
knew,
That even the flowers have a work to do."

Chautauqua Co., N. Y.

Belle M. Brewster.

Window Culture.

THE MOURNING BRIDE.

SCABIOSA atropurpurea is an old-fashioned hardy annual commonly known as Mourning Bride, probably because of the blue-black color of the flowers as first cultivated. The attention given to it recently by German florists, however, has resulted in great improvement in the size and form, and especially the varied colors of the flowers, thus bringing it into great favor once more as a garden flower. In our grandmother's garden we saw only the small-flowered, dark-colored sort—the typical species. But in the gardens of today we may find giant plants and dwarf ones, single flowers and double ones, the latter like great globular balls nine or ten inches in circumference, the colors ranging from pure white to rich scarlet, and from azure blue to the darkest imaginable purple.

Propagation is easily effected from seeds, which may be sown in the border where the plants are to bloom. The seedlings may also be started in a box in the house, and trans-



PLANT AND FLOWER OF LARGE-FLOWERED SCABIOSA.

planted to the garden when they have developed a few leaves. They begin to bloom early, and if freely cut will bear flowers for a long time. For bouquets and vases they are prized, and the Editor often has letters in praise of the improved varieties for such use, one of which is here given:

Mr. Editor:—The new large-flowered Scabiosa or Mourning Bride is a splendid flower. I had a number of white ones among other colors this summer. I like them for cutting, for they have such long stems. The flowers are odd and pretty, and harmonize well with others in a bouquet or vase. They are not common.

L. H. Godfrey.

Cowley Co., Kas., Nov. 25, 1902.

The free and continuous blooming of this Scabiosa, and the readiness of the plants to adapt themselves to various conditions has led to its use for winter blooming in the window. For this purpose the dwarf varieties are preferable. The seedlings are started in mid-summer and potted when large enough.

Use rich, rather tenacious soil and small pots at first, shifting into larger pots as the plants grow. They will then be in good blooming condition when winter comes, and prove a beautiful and novel addition to the collection. A plant and flower are shown in the engraving.

Boston Smilax.—If you love a dainty green, grow the pretty Boston Smilax. I wonder why one sees it so seldom in plant collections. This spring, when you send in your flower seed order, dear floral sisters, just include a small packet of Smilax seeds. You can grow all the plants you want for yourself, and have seeds or plants to spare for your flower-loving friends. Pour hot water over the seeds and let stand over night. Plant in good, sandy soil, and give plenty of moisture and sunshine. The seeds germinate rather slowly, so you need not be surprised to see some tardy plants appear after many weeks, though others will be up nicely in two weeks.

Cass Co., Mo.

Mrs. Olive Gilliland.

[NOTE.—The Boston Smilax, so popular some years ago, has been largely displaced by the more delicate *Asparagus plumosus*. It is, however, a worthy plant,



and desirable for a window trellis as well as for cutting.—Ed.]

Otaheite Orange.—An attractive plant is the Otaheite Orange, which will bloom and bear itself into a decline if allowed to do so. A small one which I obtained from the Editor two years ago set about twenty-five or thirty small oranges last summer, which were all picked off save two. These grew and ripened and will cling to the plant until others come to replace them, for the plant has bloomed at intervals all through the winter. The fragrance of the blossoms is so sweet as to make us regret their going.

C. R. M.

McDonald Co., Mo., Feb. 2, 1903.

Gem Calla.—The Little Gem Calla will bear the richest soil it can get. Hen manure in the bottom of the pot is an advantage. In a small pot and very rich soil it will blossom freely. In a large pot it goes all to foliage.

Lydia W. Baldwin.

Kent Co., Del., Sept. 22, 1902.

Our Native Plants.

CALYCANTHUS AND AZALIA.

IS *Calycanthus floridus* or Sweet-scented Shrub easily grown from seeds, or what is the secret of growing it from small plants? I have tried it here, but it has invariably died for me. Is it because it is not adapted to this climate, or is it generally hard to grow? I used to see it in Pennsylvania when I was a little girl, and of all the hard-wooded shrubs or flowers I have ever seen that is the sweetest. For thirty years I have wanted to get one, but did not know what seed and plant dealers called it until recently, and now it refuses to grow. Does the poor thing die of homesickness under our bright sun and brisk winds? As near as I can remember, I used to see it only in sheltered places.

Another sweet flower in my Pennsylvania home was the Wild Sweet Honeysuckle, *Azalia nudifolia*. The plants were not climbing, as are the tame ones, but grew on low bushes, the flowers being pink in color and very fragrant.

Mrs. S. E. Snyder.

Buttes Co., Kas.

[Ans.—*Calycanthus floridus* likes a deep, moist, sandy soil, sheltered by a wall or by trees. It also likes partial shade. When not protected in this way the plants often fail to endure severe winters. It is freely found in the United States, but is not so common in Pennsylvania because of the northern climate. Where it is found wild there it is sheltered by groups of shrubby or trees, and on the warm eastern slope of hills or mountains. It is easily started from sprouts which push up about the roots. The "Honeysuckle" is found in open forests or on rocky mountain sides, and is difficult to transplant. It is said that the plants dislike a limestone soil. They are found mostly in free-stone soil and leaf-mould.—Ed.]

Catalpa Kämpferi.—This is a Japanese tree, with large leaves, and great panicles of *Martynia*-like flowers, pearly white with lavender and yellow markings. The flowers are produced for a long period during summer, and are succeeded by immense clusters of long, slender, graceful bean-like seed pods which remain on till spring, clothing the tree when the leaves have fallen, and swinging and rattling with every breeze. The tree is easily grown from seeds, and grows very quickly. It is much like the old *Catalpa speciosa*, but hardier.

Magnolia.—Among the numerous trees which adorn the American landscape the different species of *Magnolia* are conspicuous for the beautiful richness of their foliage and the magnificence as well as delightful color of their flowers. The leaves are scattered, oval, obtuse, thick, opaque, yellowish-green on the upper surface, paler underneath. Flowers creamy white. Fruit conical, containing one scarlet seed. The common species is known as Sweet Bay.

E. F. E.

Andover, N. Y.

MONARDA FISTULOSA.

THIS wildling, known as Wild Bergamot, grows in a dry, exposed place usually, but I have found it growing in open woodlands as well. It attains a height of from two to three feet, and branches out well at the top. The color of the flowers should be pure lavender, but it is one of the most inconsistent of plants, and shows colors from a dirty white to purple. When grown in the garden the plant develops well, but the same inconsistencies of color are to be found there also. I once found a mass of it blooming in a fence corner which showed a decided purple tint, and I took it to be a new variety; but the next year I found the same plants producing flowers of another shade. When found blooming under its most perfect aspect it certainly is a most beautiful flower, but it is most frequently met with in a dried-up condition, the flowers only half developed, as is the case with many wildlings that bloom in the month of August.

E. H. Norris.

Erie Co., Pa., Sept. 30, 1902.

Cypripedium acaule.—This beautiful native Orchid does well when lifted and potted in autumn, and wintered in the cellar. Thus treated the plants bloom finely in the window in the spring.

MONEY TO COOKS.

\$7,500.00 Donated, to be Divided Among Family Cooks.

The sum of \$7,500.00 will be distributed between now and midsummer among family cooks, in 735 prizes ranging from \$200.00 to \$5.00.

This is done to stimulate better cooking in the family kitchen. The contest is open to paid cooks, (drop the name "hired girl" call them cooks if they deserve it) or to the mistress of the household if she does the cooking. The rules for the contest are plain and simple. Each of the 735 winners of money prizes will also receive an engraved certificate of merit, or diploma as a cook. The diplomas bear the big guilt seal and signature of the most famous food company in the world, The Postum Cereal Co., Ltd., of Battle Creek, Mich., the well known makers of Postum Coffee and Grape-Nuts. Write them and address Cookery Dept. No. 314 for full particulars.

This remarkable contest among cooks to win the money prizes and diplomas will give thousands of families better and more delicious meals as well as cleaner kitchens and a general improvement in the culinary department, for the cooks must show marked skill and betterment in service to win. Great sums of money devoted to such enterprises always result in putting humanity further along on the road to civilization, health, comfort and happiness.

Propagation.

MAY.

Out in the orchard
Under the trees,
Snowbanks of blossoms
Tossed by the breeze.
Garden's all ready,
Drop the seed straight—
Some to be early,
Some to be late.

Medina Co., Ohio.

Dame Durden.

SOWING RARE OR FINE SEEDS.

WHE flower lovers are very apt to put off the sowing of winter-blooming plants too late in spring to be successful with them. And, too, that of many of the finer varieties of plants, such as Gloxinias, Calceolarias, Tuberous Begonias, etc. Chinese Primroses, to my mind, should be planted very early in April, and if proper accommodations are or can be given them, even earlier than that. Cinerarias may be sown at the same time. I have excellent success by taking woods earth, with a sprinkling of sand. Sift the soil, and place in cigar boxes in which has been placed something for drainage, charcoal or bits of broken pots. Of course I have punched a few holes in the bottom, settle the soil, and place the box in a pan of hot water. When the moisture begins to show at the top remove the box, let drain, and if cool draw tiny lines across the soil and sow the seeds. The very fine seeds need no covering, but just a sift of sphagnum moss will not hurt. Put a pane of glass over the box, and a paper over that, and keep in a warm place until "things green" begin to show, then remove to a sunny window, allowing the glass to remain, but tip it frequently to air plants, and for fear of too much moisture. Usually the first watering of the soil is sufficient until the seedlings appear; of plants whose seeds germinate in ten days or so, if it is seen that more moisture is necessary water them in the same way. I frequently water the tiny plants so. When large enough to need transplanting shift to larger flats, into fine loamy soil, setting about an inch apart. It is wonderful how fast they grow! I pick them out with a toothpick. I like transplanting to flats the first time, because they make such good root growth. When they begin to crowd each other they may then be potted in thumb pots, and when they fill with roots shift into larger ones, and so on until ready to bloom. I have never bloomed Gloxinias the first year from seeds, nor Cyclamen either, and if any of the sisters have I should like to hear from them.

Mrs. Minnie R. Waggoner.

Scott Co., Iowa, March 25, 1903.

Peonies.—The best time to lift and divide and reset herbaceous Peonies is in August. The tops are yet green then, but may be cut off without injury. Reset at that time the stronger plants will bloom the next spring.

Floral Miscellany.

AN AMARYLLIS.

IT came to me from southern Texas, a round bulb big as two fists. Early in May I set it out in my garden. It had been eight months out of the ground, and looked very unpromising. But in June we had rain, and toward the latter part of the month, up came a queer, cigar-shaped bud-sheath or thick stem. The sheath burst open displaying four long three-sided, lily-like buds. Stem, sheath and buds were of a uniform, dull-red color. The open blossoms were four and one-half inches in diameter, in color a lovely dark red, velvety, and each petal had a band of pure white extending almost to the tip. After the blossoms faded the bulb sent up broad strap-shaped leaves that grew all summer, regardless of drought. From catalogue description I think this must be *Amaryllis Johnsonii*. Am I right?

McLeod Co., Minn. Susan O. Moberly.

BUILT OVER.

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By food alone, with a knowledge of what food to use, disease can be warded off and health maintained, also many even chronic diseases can be cured. It is manifestly best and safest to depend upon food to cure rather than too much drugging.

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"For five years I was a sufferer from a dreadful condition of the bowels; the trouble was most obscure." Here follows a detailed description and the condition certainly was distressing enough (details can be given by mail).

"Nothing in the way of treatment of drugs benefited me in the least and an operation was seriously considered. In May, 1901, I commenced using Grape-Nuts as a food and with no idea that it would in any way help my condition. In two or three weeks time I noticed an improvement and there was a steady gain from that time on until now I am practically well. I don't know how to explain the healing value of the food but for some reason, although it has taken nearly a year, I have recovered my health and the change is entirely attributable to Grape-Nuts food, for I long ago quit medicine. I eat only Grape-Nuts for breakfast and luncheon, but at my night dinner I have an assorted meal." Name furnished by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

STURDY FLOWER FOLKS.

AS a general thing people who cultivate flowers are liberal with them, although they may be very close in other matters. But, of course there are exceptions, and an experience I had with a woman taught me that it is possible to love flowers and be very mean with them. Just how this person got to coming into my garden I do not remember, but she was there frequently, and by sundry hints, etc., got a great many plants. After awhile I began to feel that I was being worked pretty well and determined on making a visit to her garden to see if she had anything I desired. I did so in early spring, when I was making changes in my garden, and I discovered that she had several clumps of Mullein Pinks, a plant that I desired above all things. I gave her a hint for one but she failed to come to my rescue, so I boldly asked for one. She said she would gladly give me one in the fall, but it would never do to lift it in the spring. I offered to run my chances on its living but she refused, saying she would bring me one in the fall. When fall came she failed to appear, so I went after my longed-for Mullein Pink, but of course I did not get it, as by that time she had learned that it could only be raised from seeds. I did not see her again until the following year when my Golden Glow was in bloom. She came in all smiles saying at the same time I had got ahead of her; but she did not care as Golden Glow was rather coarse, and yellow flowers were too common anyway. She admired everything I had except the Glow, so I knew that was what she wanted, but for once I failed to offer her any. Late in the fall she sent a little girl to me for the Golden Glow I had promised her, and I sent her word that I lifted it only in the spring. In the spring she came herself for the Glow, and I said I was sorry but like her Mullein Pink it could only be raised from seeds. She comes no more.

Erie Co., Pa.

E. H. Norris.

Heliotrope.—It is not generally known that this profuse-flowering and deliciously fragrant plant can be easily raised from seeds, which, if sown early in the spring and the young plants properly cared for, will produce most satisfactory results, as from a packet of seeds a number of plants can be obtained, which will vary in color of flowers from dark purple to pale lavender, including all intermediate shades. In raising these plants it is important that they should not be allowed to become pot-bound, or suffer for want of a proper supply of moisture for any length of time.

Chas. E. Parnell.

Floral Park, N. Y.

Coleus.—Coleus are as easily raised from seeds as many hardy plants. They are all handsome when good seeds are sown.

Mrs. R. C. Nisbit.

Woodbury Co., Iowa, Dec. 10, 1902.

MASSING OF PLANTS.

ONE Lilac floret is not specially attractive, but hundreds massed together in a great, feathery plume is a delight. Many plants do not display half their beauty singly, but massed, as Nature intended them to be, have a fine effect. For instance, I had what I considered a fine bed of Phlox Drummondii, but one day I happened to see a large bed of three colors, each massed by itself. One of these was a deep, rich red, so dark as to suggest black. The effect was rich in the extreme. I thought I had never seen a Phlox half so fine as that particular variety, but when I returned home with a spray of the lovely blossoms I found in my home garden a dozen plants of that identical shade. Being scattered about among a score of other sorts, its beauty had not been fully appreciated.

McLeod Co., Minn.

Susan O. Moberly.

NEAL TIME DRINKS

Should Be Selected to Suit the Health As Well As the Taste.

When the coffee toper, ill from coffee drinking, finally leaves off coffee the battle is only half won. Most people require some hot drink at meal time and they also need the rebuilding agent to build up what coffee has destroyed. Postum is the builder, the other half of the battle.

Some people stop coffee and drink hot water but find this a thin, unpalatable diet, with no rebuilding properties. It is much easier to break away from coffee by serving strong, hot, well boiled Postum in its place. A prominent wholesale grocer of Faribault, Minn., says: "For a long time I was nervous and could not digest my food. I went to a doctor who prescribed a tonic and told me to leave off coffee and drink hot water.

"I did so for a time and got some relief but did not get entirely well so I lost patience and said: 'Oh well, coffee isn't the cause of my troubles' and went back to drinking it. I became worse than ever. Then Postum was prescribed. It was not made right at first and for two mornings I could hardly drink it.

"Then I had it boiled full fifteen minutes and used good cream and I had a most charming beverage.

"I fairly got fat on the food drink and my friends asked me what had happened I was so well. I was set right and cured when Postum was made right.

"I know other men here who use Postum, among others the Cashier of the Security Bank and a well known clergyman.

"My firm sells a lot of Postum and I am certainly at your service for Postum cured me of stomach trouble." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

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The Officers (whose signatures accompany this letter), as well as myself, thank you for the good you have accomplished in the compounding of Swamp-Root.

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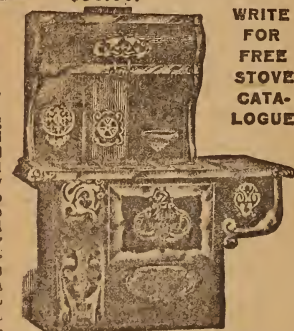
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Dear Flower Friends:—I have heard it said that "one who loves flowers cannot be wholly bad," and so far as my observations have been I find much truth in the assertion. While man has been putting much thought, labor and time in on the improvement of flowers he has had less thought, labor and time to put in on cursing—everything! Plant and tend a flower plant, indoors or out. I have a beautiful array of outdoor flowers, as well as in-door plants, and want more, even though I have passed "man's allotted span of life, three score years and ten." A Bible student has recently discovered (?) that a woman don't go to Heaven, so, I guess we might as well have a Heavenly flower garden around us while here on Earth, and let the Bible student go on with his figuring. We may plant flowers, but that "student" will never take time to see them. **Mrs. E. C. Lewis.**

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As they nod above,
There reflects the brilliant light
Of a Father's love.

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CHILDREN'S CORNER.

Dear Mr. Park:—Your Magazine came to my grandma this morning. I am a little boy six years old. I live with my mamma and papa. I had a beautiful bed of Pansies. I enclose my subscription to the Magazine for one year.

Carol Rayson.

Woodson Co., Kans., March 29, 1903.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little girl eleven years old. I go to school, and am in the fifth grade. I have no brothers nor sisters, but I have a lot of pets—a little kitten named Topsy, a pair of bantams, a Canary bird and six dolls. We take your Floral Magazine and like it very much. I read the Children's Corner as soon as the Magazine comes. I like flowers very much. We raise quite a few. I had a flower bed last year, and expect to have one this year. Roses and Pansies are my favorites.

Myrtle B. Luther.

Tuscola Co., Mich., March 20, 1903.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am eleven years old, and take music lessons on the organ. Mamma takes your Magazine. She has taken it for nearly a year. We like flowers. I have a flower garden in the yard. For pets I have a bird, a dog and a cat. I had two cats, but one of them was killed while we were away. My dog looks like a fox.

Bertha Pollock.

Multnomah Co., Oregon, March 16, 1903.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little girl twelve years old, and am small for my age. I go to school every day that I can. For pets I have a fox terrier dog, a cat, five little kittens and a few pigeons. I am in the eighth grade in school. I am a great lover of flowers.

Bessie M. Hoover.

Pleble Co., Ohio, April 13, 1903.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little girl nine years old. My mamma takes your Magazine and likes it very well. I go to school every day. For pets I have a dog named Lad and a cat named Tom. I love flowers. Mamma and I both love house plants, but have no bay window, so cannot keep them in the winter.

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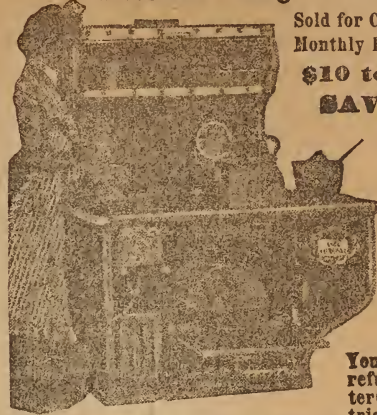
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THE SPRING FLOWERS.

We're sleeping, yes, and dreaming too, down in the frozen ground,
And, indeed, we're very snug and warm in our little beds of brown.
We're dreaming of the happy days when we shall grow and bloom;
We feel they're coming quickly now, and soon we'll need more room.

Ere long we'll show our colors bright and cheer your lonely hours;
Dame Nature soon will call to us to fill the woods with flowers.
At first we're pale and timid, 'though the people call us wild,
But we are loved and praised by everyone, and friends of every child.

Also please let me know through the columns of the Magazine the name of the plant of which I enclose a leaf. (Some of the leaves are all green.) Does it ever blossom? It never has for me, and I have had one ten years. It grows only in winter, indoors. Please answer and you will oblige
H. Molloy.

Cayuga Co., N. Y., Feb. 6, 1903.

[ANS.—The leaf enclosed is of *Eunonymus Japonica aurea variegata*. The plant is valuable only for its foliage.—ED.]

LETTERS FROM AGED FRIENDS.

Friend Park:—I have been thinking for a long time I would write to you, but have not been well enough, as I am a shut in. I fell one year ago last month and broke my hip and leg, and have not been so as to walk, and being old shall not be so as to do much. I think it is more than twenty years since I first used your seeds. I have always found them true, and I have enjoyed reading the Magazine very much. May you live long is the wish of an old friend, as I was born in the year of 1825.

Yours truly,
Caroline H. Smith.

York Co., Maine, Sept. 20, 1902.

Dear Mr. Park:—I have been thinking of writing you for some time. Your Floral Guide reached me, and I like it very much. I am a widow, 74 years old, very lame, and am just the same as a "shut in." I only go about my doorway, but enjoy my Peonies and Roses in summer. Last autumn my Asters were fine, but on account of an early frost I did not get any seeds from them. My husband died two years ago. There are many flowers I would like, but I am able to care for only a few. I hate to give up their culture.

Mrs. Elvira C. Lewis.

New London Co., Conn., March 26, 1903.

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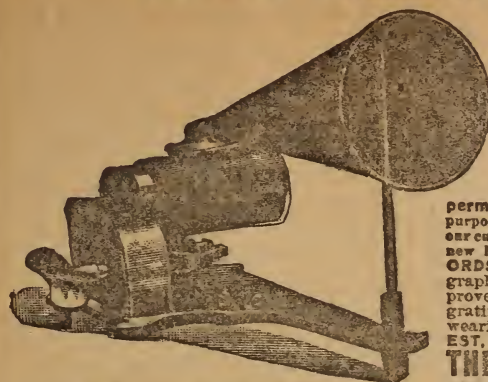
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AN OLD-FASHIONED GARDEN.

In my boyhood days I lived in a small country town, and I remember that there were several families living there who cultivated flowers extensively. I have in my mind one particular garden owned by an elderly couple who lived in a white house with green blinds, and placed well back from the main street. The front yard was large, and was mostly given up to beds of flowers, and they were well taken care of, as this couple were true flower-lovers. I will try and tell you what grew there.

In the spring Daffodils, Polyanthus, Hyacinths, Tulips, Queens Crown and Blue Bottle. These early flowers grew in a bed that was bordered by Dwarf Flag, and was very striking as they all came into bloom at about the same time. Flowers that came later grew in large mounds in opposite sides of the yard, and were bordered with Pinks. In the centers grew large clumps of crimson Pæonies, Sweet Williams, Ragged Robin, double Buttercups, Columbines, etc., grew next. Beds bordered with Box led up to the front door, and in them grew Foxgloves, Mullein Pinks, London Pride, Garden Heliotrope, Blue-eyed Mary, Monkshood, white and orange Lilies. Then there was a bed bordered with Daisies for the more choice plants, and the plants used were white Pæony, Lady's Plume, hardy

Pea, Washington's Plume, Tiger Lily and Artemisia. On each side of the front door grew large clumps of Ribbon Grass, and under a Lilac bush Myrtle grew in abundance. There were immense clumps of Flax and Corn Lily growing here and there. Plants to use in bouquets, as Asparagus, Old Man, Old Woman, etc., were there. Sage, Smellage and Balm grew along the fence on one side of the yard, and on the opposite side grew such shrubs as flowering Almond, Snowball, Snowdrop, Moss Rose, yellow Rose, white and pink Rose, Hundred-leaf Rose, and a Dwarf Rose. A tree had died and on its stump was placed a perforated box from which grew a mass of Hens and Chickens. A trellis supported a Coral Honeysuckle, and over the front door grew a climbing Rose. On a half-circular flower rack was placed a number of small wooden kegs, painted green and in them grew Horseshoe, Fish, Beefsteak and Strawberry Geraniums, monthly Rose, monthly Pink, Lady's Eardrop and Prickly Pear. A few annuals like Larkspurs, Poppies and Asters grew there also. This garden was very fine in spring and early summer, but rather tame later in the season. What an improved appearance this garden would have presented in August and September had they had some of the fine perennials now in use. Golden Glow, Anemone Japonica and improved Phlox would have made this garden perfect.

Erie Co., Pa.

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 The whole winter long.
 Hark! hark! don't you hear?
 'Tis the robin's first song."

"Awake", call the streamlets,
 "We've lain here so still,
 That now we must all go
 To work with a will."
 "Awake", says the warm breeze,
 And you, Willow tree,
 Come, put on your leaves
 In a twinkling for me.

Hampshire Co., Mass.

Maybelle A. Tice.

GOSSIP.

Dear Floral Friends:--Unfortunately we cannot all move to Paradise, as our kind Editor has done, and must still plan to get plants that will stand our cold winters and short summers. I have had the hardest experience with my plants this winter that ever I had. The trouble was with the weather, instead of any lack on my part, however. My plants froze, where they have kept all right for several years. Even the Geraniums that I thought were quite tough, and a beautiful Calla in bloom. But I had a Plumbago that I bought of Mr. Park several years ago, that stood on the shelf with the other plants, and didn't seem to mind the cold a bit, but has blossomed constantly all winter. It is beautiful, with its pure white blossoms, but not showy. I would like a blue and a red one if they are as pretty as the white. I am deprived of the pleasure of starting some seeds early, and planning a garden, as we are soon to move, and I don't know whether I can have a garden or not, but I surely shall have some house plants. If ever I long to be wealthy it is in the spring, when the many catalogues arrive. The seeds don't tempt me much, but I do long for plants and bulbs, but cannot have many. I was never more pleased with a present than with a package of nice fat bulbs from Mr. Park in the fall, and the Narcissus have nice buds on them now. I hope he will succeed in making Paradise more beautiful than before.

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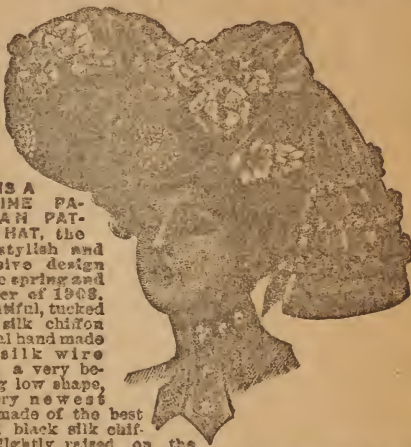


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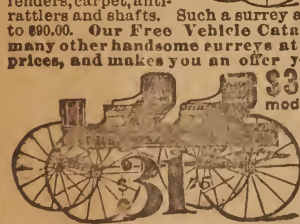
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Norfolk Co., Mass., Feb. 23, 1903. Wm. Crane.

CHILDREN'S CORNER.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little girl ten years old. I live in the country, and go to the village to school, having one mile to go. I am in the fifth grade. My mamma has a fine garden, filled with flowers grown from your seeds. Mamma takes your Magazine and likes it very much. I have five brothers and one sister. They all love flowers. Mamma says if I am a good girl she will write to you in the spring and get me some new flower seeds. I hope this will find its way to the Children's Corner.

Lewis Co., W. Va.

Mary B. Lewis.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little girl nine years old. I live in the country, and go to school. My mamma takes your Magazine. My pets are a cat and a dog. We have hens and a cow. My cousin, Miss Myra Small, is spending her vacation with me. I have a swing, and have lots of fun with it. I like to read the Children's Corner.

Herkimer Co., N. Y.

Bessie Woolver.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am seven years old. My sister takes your Magazine. I like to read the Children's Corner. I have two brothers named Frank and Elmer, and two sisters named Ada and Lena. We all like flowers. We have some Pinks, and also had Pansies, but the hens scratched them out. For a pet I have a kitten.

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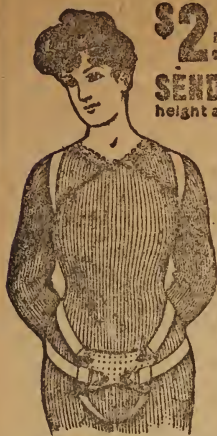
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GOSSIP.

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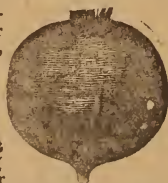
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Beet, New Crimson Globe.

Ounce 8 cents, one-fourth lb. 25 cents.

Here is a New Beet of surpassing value. It is of medium size, globe-shaped and has dark, sparing leaves. It matures very early and is rich dark crimson, beautifully zoned, is not woody or stringy, but very rich, sweet, tender and delicious; keeps well and is excellent for table use in winter and spring, as well as in summer and autumn. It is a great acquisition, and an advance on all its predecessors. Do not fail to try it. Per oz. 8 cents, ¼ lb. 25 cents, 1 lb. 75 cents. Other sorts: Edmonds Turnip, Detroit Dark Red Turnip, Bassano, Long Blood Red, Eclipse and Egypt, same price. Giant Mangel Wurzel, Golden Tankard, Mammoth Red and Vilmorin's Sugar, oz. 5 cents, ¼ lb. 15 cents, 1 lb. 50 cents. Special rates for quantities.



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1 pkt. 3 cts., 4 pkts. 10 cts., 1 oz. 8 cts.

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Per packet 3 cents, 4 packets 10 cents.

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This Cabbage has become the most popular of late varieties, as every plant bears a large head, round, compact, and of the finest quality, being tender, close-grained, sweet and rich-flavored, without bitterness or stringiness. It is the most productive of Cabbages, is convenient to handle, and keeps better than the loose-head sorts. It is the most profitable and desirable Cabbage for either fami., or market, and should be planted by all for the main crop. My seeds are from the Danish grower, and are very superior, saved from selected heads of the sure-heading, short-stemmed, long-keeping variety. ½ oz. 12 cents, 1 oz. 20 cents, ¼ lb. 75 cents, 1 lb. \$2.50. Other sorts, Excelsior Late Flat Dutch, Late Drumhead, Autumn King, Sure Head, Drumhead Savoy, Green Curled Savoy and Red Dutch, same price.



Cauliflower, Veitch's Giant.

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Per pkt. 3 cts., 4 pkts. 10 cts., 1 oz. 8 cts,

This Carrot is an excellent vegetable, easily grown, and should be more popular. The Chantenay or Model is the finest sort, matures very early, always smooth and shapely, tender, of fine texture, sweet and sugary. Very productive, keeps well, and fine for feeding stock, as well as for the family use. Oz. 8 cents, ¼ lb. 25 cents, 1 lb. 75 cents. Other sorts: Early Horn, Oxheart, Long Orange, same price.

Celery, New Rose-ribbed.

1 pkt. 3 cts., 4 pkts. 10 cts., half-oz. 15 cts.

Celery is a popular vegetable, easily grown, and is healthful and nutritious. The New Rose-ribbed Golden variety is self-blanching, beautiful, quick-growing, tender and crisp, and of very superior nutty flavor. It is a good keeper, and the finest kind for either home or market use. There is no more desirable Celery known to-day. It pleases everyone. 1 oz. 25 cents, ¼ lb. 90 cents, 1 lb. \$2.75. Other sorts: Giant Pascal, White Plume, Pink Plume, Golden Heart, White Solid, same price.

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Per packet 3 cents, 4 packets 10 cents.

The fruit of this improved variety is of medium size, handsome in appearance, early, very prolific, and unequalled for either slicing or pickling. For small pickles this variety is of surpassing value; cut early and often. Per ounce 15 cents, ¼ lb. 50 cents, 1 lb. \$1.50. Other Sorts: Improved Long Green, Jersey Pickle, Green Prolific Pickle,



same price.

Egg Plant, New Early Purple.

1 pkt. 3 cts., 4 pkts. 10 cts., 1 oz. 35 cts.

The Egg Plant would be more popular were it not for the late varieties cultivated. The one I offer is very early, beautiful purple, and of fine flavor. The plants bear enormously, and are useful for ornament as well as for cooking. Oz. 35 cts., 1 lb. \$1.00.

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Leek, Large Flag.

1 pkt. 3 cts., 4 pkts. 10 cts., 1 oz. 8 cts.

This Leek is similar to the Onion in flavor, and requires similar treatment to cultivate. Earth up in autumn, and leave undisturbed till early spring, when the thick stems are ready to use. I offer the true hardy kind, that produces abundantly tender stems of a mild, sweet pleasant flavor. 1 oz. 8 cents, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 25 cents, 1 lb. 85 cents.

Lettuce, New York.

1 packet 3 cents, 4 pkts. 10 cts., 1 oz. 8 cts.



The New York is certainly the best all-round Lettuce for general use. The plants are vigorous, come quickly, and form heads of immense size, more than a foot across, compact and heavy. The leaves are yellowish green shading to creamy white, very crisp and tender, absolutely free from bitterness. This sort resists drouth, does not run quickly to seed, and is without a rival. It should be grown in every garden. 1 oz. 8

cents, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 25 cents, 1 lb. 75 cents. Other sorts.—Hanson, Big Boston, Salamander, Trignon, same price.

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Okra, Early Prolific.

Per packet 3 cts., 4 pkts. 10 cts., 1 oz. 5 cts.

This is a delicious and wholesome vegetable for soups, stews, and pickles. The young, tender pods are used. They may be used green or gathered and dried for winter. The Early Dwarf Prolific is compact, early, grows readily, and bears freely. 1 oz. 5 cents, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 15 cents, 1 lb. 60 cents.

Onion, Australian Brown.

Per pkt. 3 cts., 4 pkts. 10 cts., 1 oz. 8 cents.



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Parsley, Emerald.

1 pkt. 3 cts., 4 pkts. 10 cts., 1 oz. 6 cts.

Parsley is a popular plant for seasoning soups and meats and for garnishing and table decoration. The Emerald variety is beautiful, and a fine edging plant. 1 oz. 6 cents, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 25 cents, 1 lb. 80 cents.

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This Parsnip is unsurpassed. The roots are uniformly large, grow quickly, are smooth and easily dug, while the flesh is fine-grained, tender, sugary and delicious, without core or woodiness. 1 ounce 5 cents, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 10 cents, 1 lb. 35 cents

Pepper, New Columbus.

Pkt. 3 cts., 4 pkts. 10 cts., half-oz. 15 cts.

This New Columbus is a Pepper of enormous size, bell-shaped, and the best for stuffing. The plants bear freely, are very ornamental, and of easy culture. Some bear red, some yellow fruits, mild, sweet and pleasant to the taste. 1 ounce 25 cents, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 75 cents, 1 lb. \$2.50. 20 other Peppers, same price.

Pea, Champion of England.

1 ounce 3 cents, one-fourth lb. 10 cents.

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Radish, New Cardinal.

1 pkt. 3 cts., 4 pkts. 10 cts., 1 oz. 5 cts.

The New Cardinal Radish is the earliest of Radishes, beautiful scarlet with white tip, deliciously crisp, sweet and nutty, and does not quickly run to seed or get pithy. $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 15 cents, 1 lb. 55 cents. Many other sorts, same price.

Squash, Neapolitan.

1 packet 3 cents, 4 packets 10 cents.

This is a Vegetable Marrow Squash, long, with small seed cavities, and very fine-grained and rich. They come quickly, keep well, and are excellent for either family or market use. 1 oz. 10 cents, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 30 cents. Other sorts: Early White Bush, Early Crookneck, Winter Crookneck, Hubbard, Delicate, Mammoth Chili, same price.

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1 packet 3 cents, 4 packets 10 cents.

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Dear Friend Park:—The seeds I got of you last spring proved very satisfactory indeed. The Stocks were beautiful, blooming until fall, and it took heavy frost to overcome them. Every *Acacia* seed of the three-cent packet grew. I gave to my floral friends, reserving only one, and this is now two and a half feet tall. Many think it superior to a Palm. The *Primulas* were stored away, and owing to three months' severe sickness in the family, forgotten and not sown at all. Will they hold vitality until time to plant this year?

Mrs. Mary L. Coder.

Idaho Co., Idaho, March 24, 1903.

[ANS.—Seeds of Chinese Primrose will mostly germinate well the second year.—ED.]

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IDAHO WILDLINGS.

Dear Mr. Park:—I would like to tell you something of the wild flowers in north Idaho, but hardly know where to begin. From the last of February, and sometimes as early as Valentine day the Buttercup, fragrant and shining as if varnished, can be found in sunny places. A little later come Bluebells, Shooting Stars, Trilliums pink and white, wild Bleeding Heart, Prairie Lilies, three kinds of Violets, Lupins, Crow-foot or hardy Geranium, Cammasia three kinds, and many others. But the crowning glory of the prairie is the *Clarkia*, sometimes acres of it in bloom, each plant a sturdy miniature tree laden with pink bloom. A more lovely sight is hard to imagine. In vines there is a purple and white Clematis, and a Honeysuckle. The Mock Orange, with its heavily perfumed clusters grows around the gulches, also several other hard wood shrubs unknown to me. But all are beautiful in their season. In native fruits there are Strawberries, Serviceberries and the much discussed Thimbleberry, while the mountains are full of Huckleberries. One of the most delightful trips is to go Huckleberrying with a merry party and camp out; but it is not so nice to wake up some morning in camp and find it steadily raining; then as you break camp and start for home 25 miles away, to find on the higher mountain you crossed the day before, the rain has turned to snow, and is coming down in soft flakes large as a silver dollar, and this on the 13th of August. Such was my experience in 1900. I'll tell you more about the flowers another time.

Mrs. Mary L. Coder.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

Mr. Park:—On page 39 of the April issue of Park's Floral Magazine is an engraving, and a description of a plant named as "Heracleum villosum" or "H. giganteum," recommending it as being "as attractive and handsome as any of the giant sub-tropical plants: " "it is coarse in texture, and is adapted only for the back ground." This latter I think, is true, very true. I would advise any one who grows it, and who does not wish to be over run with a noxious weed, to be careful and not allow the seeds to ripen. They are very much like a parsnip seed, and we all know how they will scatter by the wind when ripe. The flower of the above plant is very delicate for so coarse a plant. I have one in my wild bed, and have had for two years, but as soon as the flowers fade I take the scissors and cut off the stem that supports that special bunch, and consign it immediately to the flames, thus preventing its spreading.

I think it would be a good plan, for any one who recommends a flower, or a shrub, on account of some good quality, to tell us whether it will spread and become objectionable. I had heard and read, so many years, of the beauty and the stateliness of Golden Glow that I concluded to have one, and two years ago a friend gave me a small root. Last spring, thinking it so handsome, I divided the root and set out two more plants, being ignorant of its propensity to increase. This spring I could supply a whole greenhouse with plants and still have enough left for my own yard. I do not know what to do with it, or where to keep it, to keep it within bounds. It is gorgeous when in full bloom, but one can have too much of a good thing when it will displace other pretty things. I think perhaps if I put it in a corner where the grass is thick, and nothing to disturb it at all, it may be kept within bounds. I shall try it however. E. H. Coale.

McLean Co., Ill., April 15, 1903.

Mr. Park:—I have taken your Magazine, which I do enjoy very much, for myself and others for five or six years. And I have often wondered at the beautiful rhythm, and imagery of your little poems, and wondered how and where you obtain them. The Century, Munsey and other leading periodicals, all of which I read, do not furnish such little specimens of true poesy as some of these gems in your Magazine. I have a little book made of them, or rather of the best of them, and where can anything sweeter or possessing more truly the spirit of poesy be found than for instance "My Lindens," in a late issue, or those beautiful lines on the Pansy a few months ago?

Miss Alice Barre.

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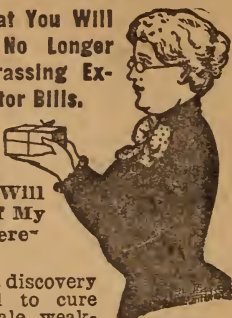
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Mrs. Cora B. Miller, Box No. 50, Keosauke Ind.

Dear Mr. Park:—I have long wanted to write a few words for your Magazine. We live on a little creek called Smiths Fork. Our nearest store and office is six miles, while it is fifteen miles to the railroad. I scarcely ever see any one outside of my family, and my chief pleasure is in my flowers. I have five children. My oldest is eleven years. We never plant anything but gram until the middle of April, and only the hardest of things then. The snow is all over my garden spot now. Can you tell me what is the matter with my President Carnot Begonia? I got it last spring. It came in nice shape, and was a well rooted specimen. It is still alive, and sends out leaves, which become about half grown then drop off. It is potted in a quart tomato can, in oak leaf mould and river sand. Lillie Shearer.

Dalta Co., Col., March 30, 1903.

[Ans.—Repot the plant in porous, well-drained soil and keep it in partial shade. Avoid sunshine against the side of the pot.—Ed.]

CORRESPONDENCE.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am so sorry that I neglected to let you know last fall that I received those premium Hyacinth bulbs. They bloomed lovely this spring. Our children do love flowers. If they find a pretty wild flower or fern they dig it up and bring it home to plant in their own garden, and even if it fails to grow, they never seem to get discouraged, like I do when my plants die. As long as I have strength and a little room I will raise a few flowers, as I cannot do without them. I believe flowers can be used to advantage in the education of children, as much as books. Each year I try a new plant or two, and always have much pleasure in making them grow and blossom. This summer I will try Cactuses. I have three started now. I do not think there is what some people call luck in raising flowers, but I think it is lack of care when somebody tells me "they don't have luck with flowers." How well they respond to care and knowledge of their needs. I feel well repaid when my flowers bloom, no matter how hard I worked for them. I sometimes think flowers and plants show more kindness than some people, because they return the kindness shown them, something people sometimes forget. I have been a subscriber to your Magazine for four years, and would not be without it. I always find so many useful hints in it that are needed in the culture of flowers.

Emma Wetzler.

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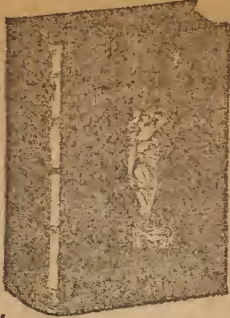
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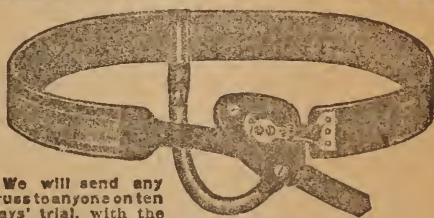
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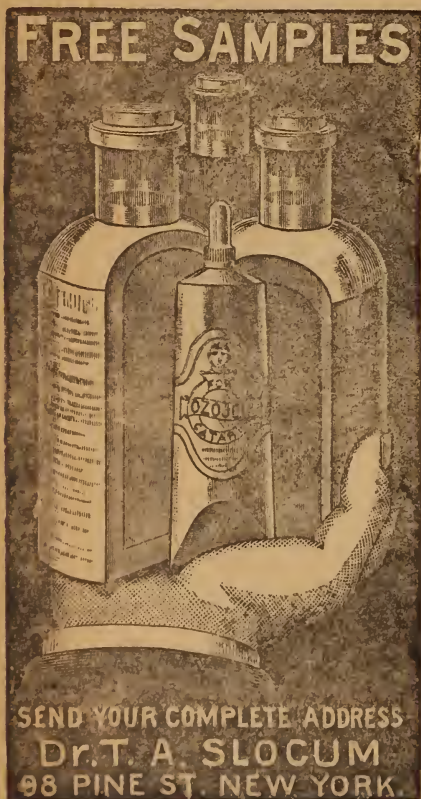
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